

TRAINING-SCHOOL NOTES



THE Chicago Policlinic Hospital has been erecting a new hospital and a new nurses' home.

A NEW nurses' home, a gift from Mr. William T. Evans to the Mountain Side Hospital, is now being erected, at Montclair, N. J.

THE Hahnemann Hospital, Chicago, has lengthened its course of training to three years and hopes to introduce the eight-hour system.

AT the Long Island College Hospital, the eight-hour system is being tested in some of the wards, with the idea of instituting it throughout the entire hospital.

THE new Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, was opened for patients on June 16. For two years the patients have been cared for in the old nurses' home, while the new building was under way. The new building is a fine fire-proof structure with accommodations for three hundred patients.

THE S. R. Smith Infirmary, Staten Island, N. Y., has received a much needed and greatly appreciated gift, a nurses' home, erected by Mrs. George D. Farrar, in memory of her husband. It contains an ample number of bedrooms for the present nursing force, with room for further growth. It has also reception, class and lecture rooms, but no mention is made of dining rooms.

OWING to the increase in the staff of nurses at the Metropolitan Training School, Blackwell's Island, N. Y., it has been necessary to provide additional accommodations, and a new wing is being added to the present Nurses' Home. Work has commenced on the new Nurses' Home, which is to cost about two hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars, and which will be located at the north end of the Island.

THE nineteenth annual report of the Morton Hospital of Taunton, Mass., contains the following encouraging statement: "A year or two ago the nurses' course was extended to three years, and since then the graduates are able in return for the additional benefit they now receive, to give better because more thoroughly trained care to their patients. The good results thus obtained have, we think, proved the wisdom of the change."

THE James C. Hart Memorial Building of the Rochester City Hospital was formally opened on the 28th of May. This is a detached building, standing at right angles to the hospital proper, and faces the nurses' home, which was built by Mr. Hart during his life time as a memorial to his wife. It is to be used for obstetrical patients largely, though a few nervous patients will have rooms there while there is accommodation for them. All the arrangements for working and for the comfort of both private and charity patients are modern and complete.

THE Maternity Building of the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, is being torn down to make room for a pavillion for private patients to be commenced at once. The original building, put up in 1883, will also be torn down and rebuilt. The plans provide for new kitchens, laundry, power plant, operating rooms, maternity service, an isolation building, and probably another dormitory for the nurses' home. It is expected that all the buildings will be ready for use by the Fall of 1908.

Two additional scholarships have been given to the nurses of the Toronto General Hospital, each of fifty dollars, to be presented annually, for general proficiency in the intermediate and junior classes. A third has been raised by the alumnae association of twenty-five dollars annually, and a fourth, available until the year 1917, is to be used as an award "to the nurse in her senior year who has most consistently endeavored to maintain aseptic conditions in the treatment of surgical cases and in her work generally about the hospital."

THE Illinois Training School for Nurses, Chicago, is giving a general post-graduate course to nurses of other schools. The eight-hour system is to be put into practice as soon as possible. Ten medical clinics are to be given during the winter for the pupil nurses by well known practitioners of the city. Graduates of the school also will probably be admitted to these clinics, which will be held in the evening. The probationers and junior nurses are to have instruction in physical culture, "to teach them how to take care of themselves." Six scholarships have been given the school, two for each class, of fifty and one hundred dollars each, which will be presented annually for best records in all things,—class work, practical work, and conduct included. The Nurses' Home is being enlarged by an addition which will give about forty more bed-rooms, with enlarged lecture, sitting and dining rooms.

SURGEON-GENERAL Presley M. Rixey, in a recent address before the Garfield Memorial Hospital School for Nurses, in Washington, spoke of his desire for trained nurses in the navy. He said in part: "I hope in the near future to offer to woman nurses service in the care of the sick and injured in the navy, and if the advice of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery had been taken, the sick of the navy at shore stations and in the naval hospitals would, several years ago, have had the valuable aid of woman nurses. I have for more than four years urged upon five different Secretaries of the Navy, and, with their permission, upon Congress, our great need. My action on this question has been so persistent and forceful that I cannot see how we failed; but so it is to-day that we are urgently in need of trained men and women nurses, and as I have so often explained to those upon whom the decision rests, this absence of proper nursing means suffering for those who are unable to help themselves. The Government supplies accomplished physicians and surgeons, with splendidly equipped hospitals and facilities on every ship for the proper care of those sick or injured; in fact, an up-to-date equipment. The one blot upon this splendid establishment is the want of what you represent—trained nursing. My hope and belief and consolation is that our work in the past four years will, during the next Congress, bear fruit, and that we shall within the next year have not only a well-equipped and organized male hospital corps, but a woman nurse corps and dental surgeons."